

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Commission Review and
Investigation of Qwest's Unbundled Network
Elements Prices

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In the Matter of the Commission's Review and
Investigation of Certain Unbundled Network
Element Prices of Qwest

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ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 2, 2002, the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING PRICES AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.

On October 14, 2002, the Commission received petitions for reconsideration from Qwest Corporation (Qwest); jointly from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) and WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom); and jointly from McLeodUSA (McLeod), Eschelon Telecom (Eschelon), and a coalition of competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) consisting of Northstar Access, LLC (Northstar), Otter Tail TelCom, LLC (Otter Tail), US Link, Inc. (US Link), and VAL-Ed Joint Venture, LLP, d/b/a 702 Communications (702 Communications) (collectively, MECC).

By October 22, 2002, the Commission had received replies to the requests for reconsideration from AT&T/WorldCom, the Department, MECC, Qwest and jointly by a coalition of CLECs consisting of Ace Telephone Association, BEVCOMM, Inc., Hutchinson Telecommunications, Inc., Mainstreet Communications, Inc., Northstar, Otter Tail, Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative, Tekstar Communications, Inc., Unitel Communications, US Link and 702 Communications.

The matter came before the Commission on November 21, 2002.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has reviewed the record and provided parties with an opportunity to comment. On that basis, the Commission finds that the arguments do not raise new issues, do not expose errors or ambiguities in the original Order, and do not otherwise persuade the Commission that it should change its original decisions. Therefore the Commission reaffirms its Order of October 2, 2002, as reflecting decisions that are the most consistent with the facts, the law, and the public interest.

ORDER

1. The parties' requests for reconsideration of the Commission's ORDER SETTING PRICES AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE (October 2, 2002) are denied.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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